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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF : :

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SERIAL NO. : 09/841,592 : :

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FOR: A BATCH MIXER AND A :
MIXING ROTOR FOR THE SAME

AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated October 4, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A mixing rotor for use in a batch mixer including a mixing chamber, the mixing rotor comprising a plurality of mixing blades, each mixing blade having a tip for defining a tip clearance against an inner surface of the mixing chamber where the mixing rotor is to be rotatably placed to impart shearing forces to a material to be mixed in the tip clearance, wherein the plurality of mixing blades include a pair of longer blades twisted in such a direction as to cause the material to flow toward a longitudinal middle side of the mixing rotor, and the pair of longer blades include a first longer blade which is linear in a